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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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SUBJECT : Procedure for Handling NESC Intelligence Requirements

REFERENCE : CIA Memorandum Dated 30 June 1958, and Attachment

1. At a meeting of IAC representatives held yesterday, it was agreed that some of the NESC requirements could be met by the contributions to NIE 11-4-58, and that the deadline for all contributions to meet NESC requirements should be 15 August 1958. It was also agreed that in order to meet this deadline, maximum use should be made of previous estimates bearing on the information required by NESC, updating appropriate portions of these estimates where necessary.

2. It was agreed to apportion the work of answering the questions posed in NESC's "Outline of Specific Coordinated Intelligence Required" as follows:

A.1. Numbers of operational nuclear delivery vehicles in mid-1962.
To be handled by an Ad Hoc Working Group chaired by CIA, with members from all agencies and advisers invited from GMIC, JAEIC, and CIA/ORR. Missiles considered should include all ballistic missiles capable of nuclear warhead delivery, sub-launched missiles, and air-to-surface missiles. Annex A of NIE 11-5-57 to be used for background information.

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A.2. Performance data for above vehicles. NIE 11-5-58, now in process, is expected to provide required data on missiles; however, GMIC should provide an estimate of Soviet missile reliabilities through at least mid-1962 for inclusion in the final version of NIE 11-5-58. Performance data on other vehicles is expected to be received in SEC contribution to NIE 11-4-58.

B. Soviet alert status and reaction times in mid-1962. To be provided by contributions from each service covering Soviet land, sea, and air forces. To include estimated size of alert forces, service-ability rates, etc. Refer to appropriate portions of SNIE 11-6-57.

C. Soviet air defenses in mid-1962. To be handled by an Ad Hoc Working Group chaired by Joint Staff, with members from all agencies and advisers invited from GMIC, JAEIC, and SEC. To review and update appropriate portions of NIE 11-57. To cover Soviet Bloc (excluding Communist China).

D. US warning capabilities in mid-1962. To be handled with participation by the National Indications Center in a manner to be determined at a future meeting. NIE 11-3-57 to be used for background.

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3. It is requested that at your earliest convenience you inform the following persons of your designees to participate in the two working groups: Nuclear Delivery Working Group, [REDACTED] Air Defense Working Group, Colonel George G. Deverall, code 11, ext. 55885. We will call you on Monday morning to set the time and place of a meeting to discuss the handling of question D. above.

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